

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/430,186	TAKASUGI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	D. I. Lee	2876	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 12/24/03.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 4-11.
3. The drawings filed on 19 October 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
 of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
 Paper No./Mail Date 6/8/04.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Amendment filed 24 December 2003.
2. Applicant's arguments see page 10, line 15 through page 11, line 15 filed 24 December 2003, with respect to claims 1 and 4-11 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of to claims 1 and 4-11 has been withdrawn.
3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Gnuse on 8 June 2004 (see PTO-413).

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

4. Re claims 23-33: Claims 23-33 have been canceled without prejudice and/or traverse.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1 and 4-11 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Tanaka teaches a non-contact card system having an IC card communicating with a reader/writer magnetically, wherein the IC card having a loop coil that converts the magnetic field radiated from the reader/writer and wherein the reader/writer having a modem that boosts the detected signal with a high gain amplifier.

Watanabe [JP 10-107708, newly cited by the examiner] teaches an IC card having a first coil capable of wireless-communicating with an external apparatus, such as a reader/writer, by utilizing an electromagnetic induction and wherein the reader/writer having a signal-boosting element for receiving the data from the IC card.

One of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to modify the teaching of Tanaka and Watanabe, alone or in combination with other reference, in order to provide the claimed non-contact information medium having a booster coil that utilizes an electromagnetic induction and another coil that is integral with IC element of the non-contact information medium for communicating with an external apparatus through the booster coil, as set forth in the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. I. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-2399. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 5:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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